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We claim:

1. A method for treating post-surgical pain in an individual comprising administering to the individual an effective amount of an antagonist of nerve growth factor (NGF), wherein the NGF antagonist is other than TrkA immunoadhesin.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein resting pain is suppressed or ameliorated.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein mechanically-induced pain is suppressed or ameliorated.

4. The method of claim 1, further wherein the NGF antagonist is other than an anti-NGF antibody.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein the NGF antagonist is a kinase inhibitor capable of inhibiting downstream kinase signaling associated with NGF receptor activity.

6. The method of claim 5, wherein the kinase inhibitor is K252a.

7. A kit for treating post-surgical pain comprising an NGF antagonist, and instructions for using the NGF antagonist to treat post-surgical pain, wherein the NGF antagonist is other than trkA immunoadhesin.

8. The kit of claim 7, further wherein the NGF antagonist is other than an anti-NGF antibody.